

Comments in response to proposed Docket 04-233

Our First Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech...”

1. Christian radio is protected by the First Amendment and should have the freedom to broadcast its message.
2. Christian radio is not a public forum in which all viewpoints should be considered. Its message is specific and it should be free to deliver it without being interrupted by opposing views that are incongruous with its mission.
3. In the same vein, Christian broadcasters should not be forced to accept advice from those in the community who may not hold the same beliefs or values, and who may not appreciate their mission.
4. Most Christian radio stations operate on a low budget and should be allowed the freedom to schedule their broadcasts in a manner that is economically viable.

I hope you will consider extending First Amendment rights to Christian broadcasters.

Sincerely,
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